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The Legislature

U.S. Senate

- The Senate has 100 members (Senators).
  - — There are two from every state.
  - — Each Senator represents the whole state.
  - — Members are elected for six-year terms.
  - — Elections for one-third of the Senate seats are held every two years.
  - — There is no limit to the number of times a Senator may be re-elected.
- Its officers include:
  - — the Vice President, who presides and votes only in case of a tie, and
  - — the President pro tempore, a Senator chosen to preside when the Vice President is not there.
- To be a Senator, a person must be:
  - — at least 30 years old,
  - — a citizen at least nine years, and,
  - — a resident of the state he/she represents.

U.S. House of Representatives

- The House of Representatives has 435 members (Representatives).
  - — The number of Representatives from each state varies, and this number is based on the population.
    - – Each state has at least one Representative.
    - – The District of Columbia has one Representative who does not vote.
  - — Most states are divided into districts. A Representative of the people is chosen in each district.
  - — Members are elected for two-year terms.
  - — There is no limit to the number of times a Representative may be re-elected.
- The Speaker of the House presides.
  - — He or she is elected by the other Representatives.
  - — He or she is usually a member of the majority party.
- To be a Representative, a person must be:
  - — at least 25 years old,
  - — a citizen at least seven years, and
  - — a resident of the state he/she represents.

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